## **CLAIMS**

1. A method of fabricating a semiconductor device by employing ion implantation to provide a semiconductor substrate (1) at a surface thereof with a region having dopant introduced therein, comprising the steps of: providing said semiconductor substrate (1) at a surface thereof with a mask layer including a polyimide resin film (2); and implanting dopant ions (5).

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- 2. A method of fabricating a semiconductor device by employing ion implantation to provide a semiconductor substrate (101) at a surface thereof with a region having dopant introduced therein, comprising the steps of: providing said semiconductor substrate (101) at a surface thereof with a mask layer (103) including a SiO<sub>2</sub> film (107a, 107b) and a thin metal film (105); and implanting dopant ions (5).
- 15 3. The method of claim 1 or 2, wherein said semiconductor substrate (1, 101) is a SiC semiconductor substrate.
  - 4. The method of claim 1 or 2, wherein said mask layer is deposited on said semiconductor substrate (1, 101) at a region to be undoped with dopant ions.
  - 5. The method of claim 1 or 2, wherein said dopant ions are implanted into a region unmasked by said mask layer.
- 6. The method of claim 1, wherein said semiconductor substrate (1) is heated to at least 300°C and dopant ions (5) are implanted.
  - 7. The method of claim 1, wherein said semiconductor substrate (1) is heated to at least 500°C and dopant ions (5) are implanted.

- 8. The method of claim 1, wherein said polyimide resin film (2) is formed of photosensitive polyimide resin.
- 5 9. The method of claim 1, wherein said polyimide resin film (2a) has a thickness of at least twice a depth of dopant introduced into said semiconductor substrate (1) at a region free of said polyimide resin film (2a).
- 10. The method of claim 1, wherein a thin metal film is posed between said polyimide resin film (2a) and said semiconductor substrate (1).
  - 11. The method of claim 1, wherein a thin film formed of SiO<sub>2</sub> is posed between said polyimide resin film (2a) and said semiconductor substrate (1).
- 15 12. The method of claim 2, wherein said semiconductor substrate (101) is heated to at least 300°C to 500°C and dopant ions are implanted.

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- 13. The method of claim 2, wherein said semiconductor substrate (101) is heated to at least 500°C to 800°C and dopant ions are implanted.
- 14. The method of claim 2, wherein said mask layer (103) is formed of at least three layers.
- 15. The method of claim 2, wherein said  $SiO_2$  film (107a, 107b) and said thin metal film (105) each have an average thickness of 500 nm to 1.5  $\mu$ m.
  - 16. The method of claim 2, wherein said mask layer (103) includes a SiO<sub>2</sub> film as a film corresponding to a bottommost layer.

- 17. The method of claim 2, wherein said mask layer (103) includes a thin metal film as a film corresponding to a bottommost layer.
- 5 18. The method of claim 2, wherein said mask layer (103) includes a SiO<sub>2</sub> film as a film corresponding to a topmost layer.
  - 19. The method of claim 2, wherein said mask layer (103) includes a thin metal film as a film corresponding to a topmost layer.
  - 20. The method of claim 2, wherein said  $SiO_2$  film (107a, 107b) is formed by SOG.

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